

Beginning week of April 12, 2021 COVID-19 vaccine: Phase 2C health care workers only

Effective April 12, Alberta's vaccine rollout will take another step forward to include health care workers and their affiliated staff working in patient care facilities or providing direct patient care in the community.

All health care workers eligible under Phase 2C will be able to book appointments through participating pharmacies or through Alberta Health Services (AHS) at 811 or online.

This includes:

- pharmacists;
- physicians;
- nurses;
- dentists;
- all other regulated health care professionals;
- health care workers on First Nation reserves;
- office or support staff who deliver face-to-face care for patients;
- students undertaking their placement practicums in clinical areas; and
- individuals working in patient care facilities or providing services directly to clients in the community for Alberta Health Services, Covenant Health, Alberta Precision Labs and DynaLife.

Health care workers may be immunized with any of the available approved vaccines, Pfizer bioNTech, Moderna or AstraZeneca. Note: AstraZeneca is only eligible for those health care workers between the ages of 55 and 64.

Health care workers will need to provide the following documentation to show they are eligible for the vaccine:

- personal identification that shows their birthdate, and
- proof of employment or professional registration (for example, employee ID card, letter of employment or placement, professional practice permit).

Due to limited vaccine supply, Alberta Health is taking a staggered approach to Phase 2C and beginning with only health care workers at this time. Further updates for other eligible groups will be made in the coming weeks. Anyone eligible in Phase 1, 2A and 2B of Alberta's vaccine rollout who hasn't received the vaccine yet can continue to book their appointment through a participating pharmacy or AHS.

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COVID-19 vaccine Pseudo Identification Numbers (PINs)

The following PINs are required when submitting direct bill claims to Alberta Blue Cross for the Alberta COVID-19 Pharmacy Immunization Program (ACPIP). Claims must be submitted on the same day the service was provided by the pharmacy.

Descriptor	PIN
Health Care Worker	10000003 (Pfizer)
Health Care Worker	20000003 (Moderna)
Health Care Worker	50000003 (AstraZeneca)

Claims process

Claims for COVID-19 immunization will be eligible for \$25 per service and are to be entered into the dispensing fee field.

All claims must be submitted electronically through the Alberta Blue Cross PRIDE RT claims adjudication system with the following data elements:

- Carrier Code 16 (as the third-party plan)
- Group number for all transactions must be 23464, Section 000
- Pharmacy license number
- Pharmacist identification number
- Client number – client’s personal health number (PHN)
- Client’s full name – last and first name
- Client’s date of birth
- Client’s gender
- Relationship code – should your software require you to enter a relationship code, zero (0) must be used as the default
- Prescriber reference ID number (for example, license number of pharmacists with ACP injection authorization)
- Service date
- PIN
- Special Service Code (SSC) – J
- Quantity (for example, one)
- 86 should be used in the Prescriber Reference Code field.

Please DO NOT SEND test claims through the system. Alberta Blue Cross has vigorously tested these codes to ensure their performance. Test claims will result in errors in reporting on vaccine uptake and immunization rates for Alberta, which may adversely impact the overall COVID-19 vaccine response plan.

For assistance with benefit or claim inquiries, please contact an Alberta Blue Cross Pharmacy Services Provider Relations contact centre representative at

780-498-8370 (Edmonton and area)

403-294-4041 (Calgary and area)

1-800-361-9632 (toll free)

FAX 780-498-8406 (Edmonton and area)

FAX 1-877-305-9911 (toll free)

Alberta Blue Cross offers online access to current Pharmacy Benefacts and supplemental claiming information to assist with the submission of your direct bill drug claims.

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